

HOUSE BILL 1298

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AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 36-1-108, relative to entities authorized to place children for adoption.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 36-1-108, is amended by redesignating the existing subdivision (b)(2) as subdivision (b)(2)(A) and by adding a new subdivision thereto, as follows:

(B) In the business of arranging adoption services shall include advertising for such services, accepting clients for a fee, or providing any placing services for a fee. Only a licensed child placing agency, as defined in § 36-1-102; licensed clinical social worker, as defined in § 36-1-102; or lawyer who is subject to Tennessee rules regarding lawyer advertising can provide such services in Tennessee for a fee. Only such licensed entities or the prospective adoptive parents are authorized to advertise in any Tennessee publication, periodical, newspaper, telephone directory or Tennessee online directory or similar mechanism. Out-of-state licensed child placing agencies, licensed clinical social workers or lawyers shall not provide adoption related services unless such entity is authorized to do business in Tennessee under Tennessee licensing laws or policies.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2009, the public welfare requiring it.